

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the William J. Clinton
Presidential Library Staff.**

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records

Subgroup/Office of Origin: Intergovernmental Affairs

Series/Staff Member: John Emerson

Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 9121

FolderID:

Folder Title:

CA - National Service

Stack:

S

Row:

27

Section:

4

Shelf:

9

Position:

3

CORPORATION FOR
NATIONAL
AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICE

File
copy / NATL
SERVICE

May 23, 1994

Mr. Ron Martinez
People Works Inc.
510 West 6th Street
Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90014

John,
FYI
Rick

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your recent letter; I was sorry that I wasn't available on your last trip to Washington. John Emerson also called me on your inquiry, so I thought it best to set my understanding down in writing.

We hope that there will be many opportunities for us to work with your organization. The first such possibility may arise from our published solicitation for program evaluation and related services, which you have seen. We urge you to examine the notice carefully, to consider whether your expertise, scheduling and other needs make it a good fit for you.

You asked why we did not elect an SBA 8 (a) set aside for this work. Our specific need here is comprehensive and national in scope -- we do not want to see these evaluations divided up regionally, as we want to compare programs across the entire country. I don't know if your infrastructure can handle a national contract at this stage; if not, you might want to consider applying in partnership with a larger national firm. If you are interested in applying, alone or in collaboration, we would urge you to do so; please remember that there is a preference for 8 (a) qualified firms.

You might also be interested in certain of the services called for near the end of the Notice of Fund Availability: consultancy for continuous improvement; for tailored evaluation strategies and for assistance setting meaningful objectives. I know you have been active in these areas, and as the NOFA can be responded to by topic (ie., national in scope, but containing only a single issue of inquiry), you may be interested in applying for one or more.

Finally, I would also recommend that you consider approaching the state commissions that have been set up in each state. They, and the various programs approved by us for participation in AmeriCorps, will also be looking for evaluators.

Very truly yours,



C. Richard Allen